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## **WEEKLY SAINT PAUL FIRE & EMS BLOTTER**

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This feature we call "Fire & EMS Blotter" is a weekly update of the activities of the Saint Paul Fire Department. During the week of April 30 thru May 6, the Saint Paul Fire Department responded to 736 calls for service. Here is a **sampling** of some of the emergency and non-emergency activities from information provided by the fire department.

**ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR FIREFIGHTER/EMTs** – The City of Saint Paul will be accepting applications for Firefighter/EMT from May 1 through May 28 at 4:30 p.m. For more information, including minimum qualifications, testing schedule, and training sessions, go to: <a href="https://www.stpaul.gov/firefighter">www.stpaul.gov/firefighter</a>.



**LIGHT RAIL ACCIDENT** - On April 30 at 11:36 a.m. on University Avenue West and Vandalia Street a 46 year old man was involved in a motor vehicle accident with a light rail train. He was wearing a seatbelt. He had attempted an illegal U-turn in front of Fire Station 20 on University Ave. Paramedics evaluated and transported him to a nearby hospital.

**TRAUMA INJURY** - On May 1 at 9:23 p.m. on Arlington Avenue West and Rice Street a 27 year old man was playing softball, slid into home plate and hit his head. Paramedics treated and transported him to a nearby hospital.

**ARSON** - On May 3 at 11:51 p.m. on the 1100 block of Woodbridge Street fire companies responded to reports of a garage fire. Upon arrival, they found a fully involved detached single car garage and extinguished the fire. Damage is estimated at \$10,000.

**ARSON** - On May 4 at 12:05 a.m. on the 200 block of Rose Avenue fire companies responded to reports of a garage fire. Upon arrival, they found a fire in a detached double car garage and extinguished the fire. Damage is estimated at \$10,000.

**ARSON** - On May 4 at 12:42 a.m. on the 1000 block of Galtier Street fire companies were dispatched to reports of a rubbish fire. Upon arrival, they found a small fire in the center of the alley behind this address. They extinguished the fire. A nearby garage sustained \$20,000 in damages. This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> fire in an arson spree in the area that night. Saint Paul Police are investigating.

**MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT** - On May 4 at 7:28 p.m. on Highway 61 and Lower Afton Road a 35 year old man on his motorcycle struck a guard rail after losing control of the bike. He was not wearing a helmet. Paramedics treated and transported him to a nearby hospital.

**CLOTHES DRYER FIRE** - On May 4 at 9:47 p.m. on the 1900 block of Montana Avenue East fire companies were called to a report of a clothes dryer fire. Firefighters arrived to find a small fire still burning in the clothes dryer and put it out with a fire extinguisher. The occupant heard the smoke detectors sound and then found a small fire coming from the front of the dryer. The occupant had unplugged the dryer, disconnected the gas line and then attempted to extinguish the fire with a bucket of water but was unsuccessful. Damage is estimated at \$800.

**STABBING** - On May 5 at 6:08 a.m. on the 700 block of Rose Avenue East a 50 year old man had been stabbed with a steak knife. Paramedics treated and transported him to a nearby hospital.

**STOVE FIRE** - On May 5 at 4:49 p.m. on the 60 block of 9th Street East a fire company responded to reset an alarm and to ventilate an apartment after a minor oven fire. A wooden cutting board had been on an electric rangetop and that a burner had inadvertently been left on. Damage is estimated at \$500.